STATURE
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It was soooo fun watching Quicksilver get that award (NOT). We had to stand on the sidelines while the entire Kree race thanked him for returning those crystal things. You'd think the rest of us would get some appreciation for, oh I don't know, saving the world!! Weirdly enough, he still seems to be having trouble with his daughter, Luna. She was giving him some dark stares during the ceremony!

Back on Earth, Norman Osborn is starting to get really heated about all the attention our team is getting. Too bad his 'Dork' Avengers can't keep up with us! We just fought our way from India to France to Italy, all in one day! It was so exciting fighting alongside Jonas in the most romantic city ever! (But seriously, the next time I go to Paris, it better be for champagne and chocolates).

You are NEVER going to guess what happened next. The fake Scarlet Witch (of all people) showed up at the mansion to call us to battle! Lucky for us, Hank was able to absorb some of her energy into his goggles. He's got our little genius, Cho, hard at work on figuring out who (or what) Wanda really is!

It turns out that Osborn was secretly keeping The Absorbing Man under lock and key. (He can't even control things in his own building, let alone the rest of the world)! Creel escaped, and absorbed parts of a COSMIC CUBE!! We're going to need ALL the Avengers to fight this guy, villains and heroes alike!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

(I am totally going to make Osborn buy Uncle Hank that Coke).

Previous posts:

- Embodiment of the universe names Uncle Hank "Earth's Scientist Supreme." Is anyone surprised?
- The doors in Infinite Avengers Mansion are amazing! I wonder if there's one that leads to Johnny Depp's house....
- Vision has changed his ring on my cell to "My Name is Jonas." Amusing or obnoxious?

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

THE WASP
(HANK PYM)

JOCASTA

THE VISION

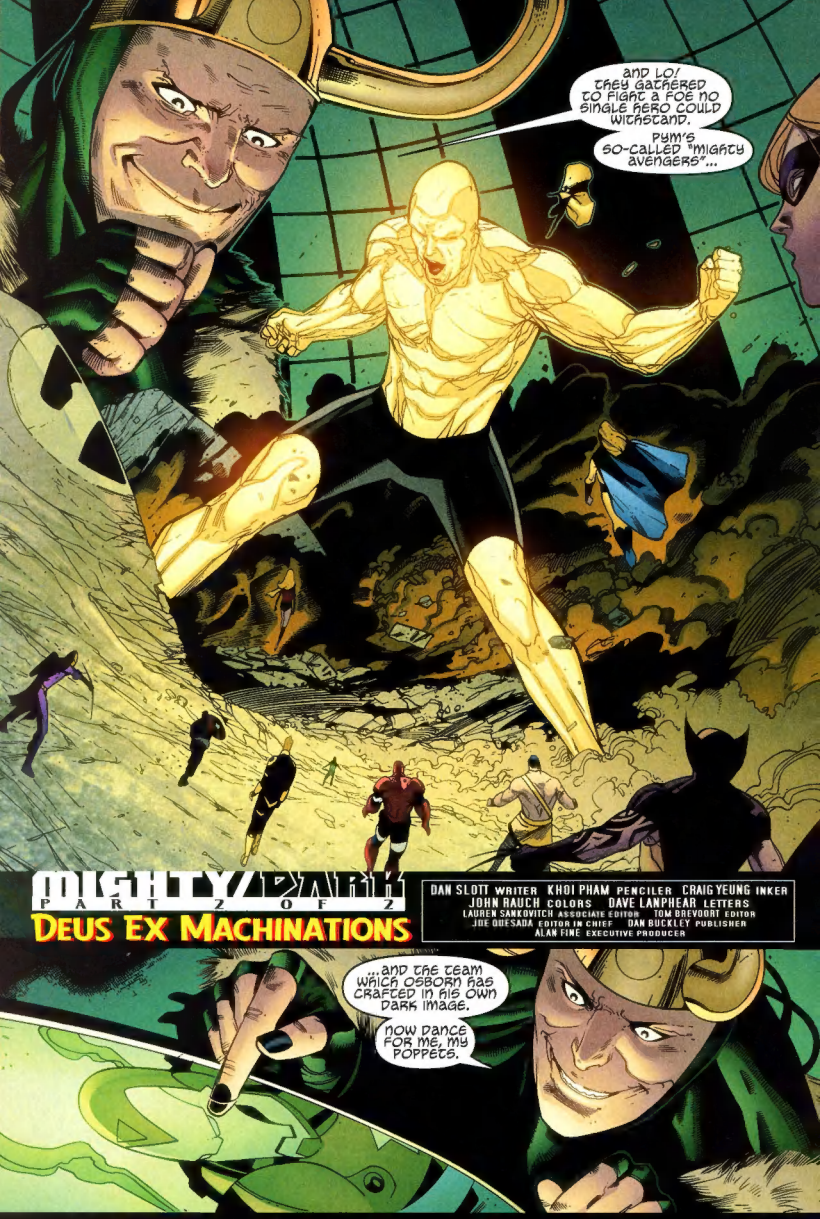
HERCULES &
AMADEUS CHO

QUICKSILVER
(PIETRO MAXIMOFF)

USAGENT
(JOHN WALKER)

THREAT

"SCARLET WITCH"


AND LO! THEY GATHERED TO FIGHT A FOE NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND.
PYM'S SO-CALLED "MIGHTY AVENGERS"...
MIGHTY AVENGERS
PART 2 OF 2
DEUS EX MACHINATIONS
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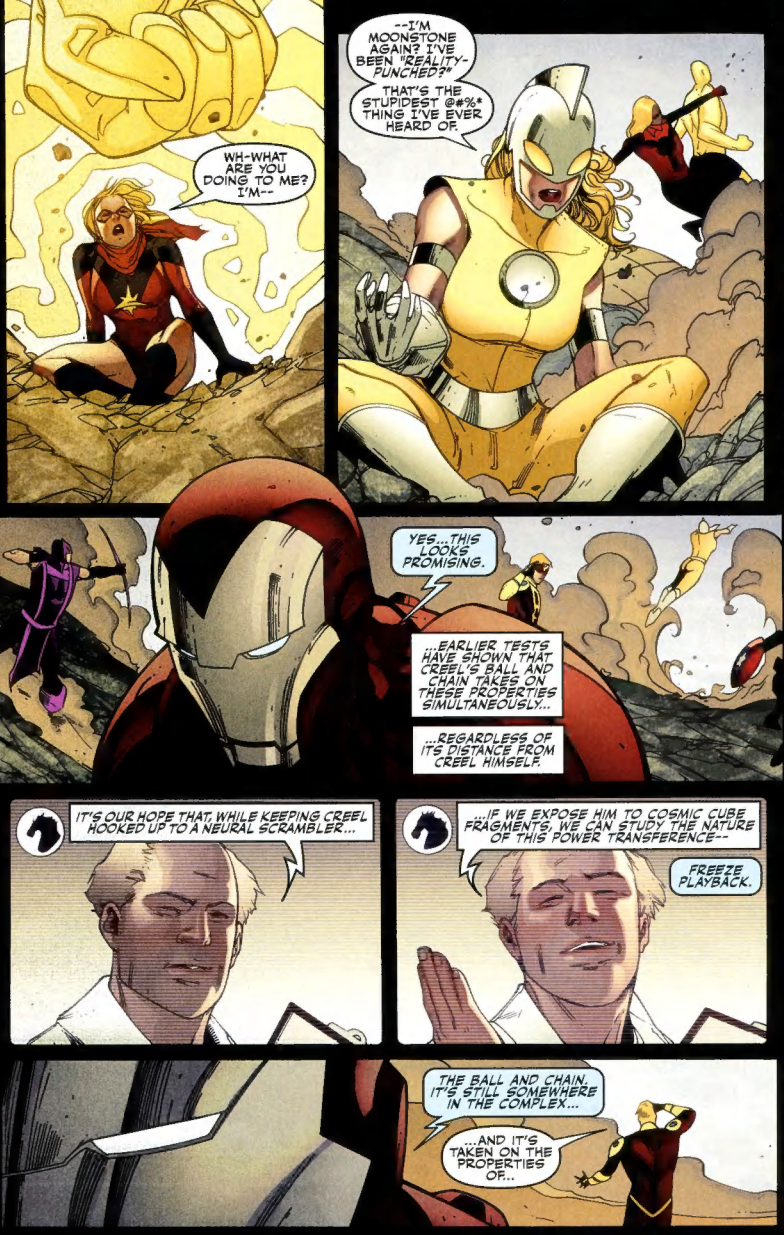
ALAN FINE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
...AND THE TEAM WHICH OSBORN HAS CRAFTED IN HIS OWN DARK IMAGE.
NOW DANCE FOR ME, MY POPPETS.

UPSTATE NEW YORK.
THE PROJECT: PEGASUS COMPOUND.
FIRST FLANK, ATTACK! CREEL MAY HAVE ABSORBED THE POWER OF A COSMIC CUBE, AND HE MAY BE ABLE TO RESTRUCTURE REALITY ITSELF...
...BUT THE MAN'S AN IDIOT. POUR IT ON! DON'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO CONCENTRATE!
GREAT PLAN, BOSS. I MAY AS WELL BE HURLING SNOWFLAKES AT 'IM!
(NOT THAT I COULDN'T KILL A MAN WITH A SNOWFLAKE...)
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG, OSBORN.
PYM--HOW DARE YOU UNDERMINE ME IN FRONT OF MY MEN!
HE MAY HAVE THE POWER OF A COSMIC CUBE, BUT NOT ITS FULL RANGE OF ABILITIES.
BASICALLY, HE'S NOT SHAPED LIKE A CUBE. WITHOUT PROPER FORM, HE LOSES PROPER FUNCTION.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
HE'S POWERFUL, GRANTED. BUT YOU HAVE THE SENTRY ON YOUR TEAM, WITH THE POWER OF A MILLION SUNS. HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS.
BOB IS A SPECIAL CASE. HE NEEDS TO BE UTILIZED IN JUST THE RIGHT WAY...
FINE. IF YOU DON'T THINK HE CAN HANDLE IT...
OF COURSE HE CAN! SENTRY, TAKE HIM DOWN. END THIS.
AS YOU WISH.

GNUHH!
KRA-KA-TOOM
THIS IS THE IRON PATRIOT TO THE H.A.M.M.E.R. FILE DEPARTMENT.
WHOA!
DOWNLOAD EVERYTHING WE HAVE ON PROJECT: PEGASUS' COSMIC CUBE PROGRAM....
I NEED TO PROVE--OR DISPROVE--WHATEVER PYM'S GOING ON ABOUT.
CHO, THIS IS PYM. IF OSCORP'S GETTING INTEL, I WANT IT TOO. CAN YOU HACK INTO HIS SYSTEMS?
I DUNNO, DOC. WE'RE TALKING CUTTING THROUGH OSCORP SECURITY FILES. THAT'S HARD CORE.
MASTER CHO, PERHAPS I CAN BE OF HELP?
JUNK FOOD! JARVIS, YOU'RE THE BEST! Y'KNOW, I'VE HUNG OUT WITH HERC, THE HULK, CAP....
...BUT RIGHT NOW? YOU'RE MY FAVORITE AVENGER.
I APPRECIATE THAT, SIR.

I'M RECEIVING IT NOW. HURRY, YOU IDIOTS! JUMP TO THE PART ABOUT CREEL!
--SUBJECT CRUSHER CREEL, A.K.A. THE ABSORBING MAN, SHOULD BE AN IDEAL SUBJECT FOR THESE TRIALS.
HIS SUPERHUMAN POWERS, THOUGH BASED ON ASGARDIAN MAGIC, HAVE SCIENTIFIC PROPERTIES WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT.
PRIMARILY HOW HIS ABILITY TO ABSORB THE PROPERTIES OF ANY MATERIAL, ENERGY SOURCE, OR CONSTRUCT...
...IS SHARED BY THE BALL AND CHAIN HE CARRIES WITH HIM.
STUDYING THE SCIENCE OF MAGIC. I LIKE WHERE THIS IS GOING.
HENRY, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD ATTEND TO THE MATTER AT HAND? IT APPEARS...

"...OSBORN'S FIRST LACKEY IS NOT FARING TOO WELL."
WHY WON'T YOU FALL? I HAVE THE POWER OF A MILLION EXPLODING SUNS!
YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW. I'VE TRIED ABSORBING IT A COUPLE TIMES, REMEMBER?
BUT GUESS WHAT, BLONDIE? I GOT ME A BETTER BAG!
TRY SOME COSMIC CUBE POWER ON FOR SIZE! LETS ME RESHAPE REALITY-- YOUR REALITY!
I CAN CRUSH YOU, RESHAPE YOU, AND DIVIDE YOU!
WHAT-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! I FEEL-- I FEEL LIKE--
TZZKKKK
YOU'RE TEARING ME APART!
NO! STOP! YOU'LL RELEASE MY OTHER HALF-- MY DARK HALF--
THE VOID!


WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME? I'M--
--I'M MOONSTONE AGAIN? I'VE BEEN "REALITY-PUNCHED?"
THAT'S THE STUPIDEST @#%* THING I'VE EVER HEARD OF.
YES...THIS LOOKS PROMISING.
...EARLIER TESTS HAVE SHOWN THAT CREEL'S BALL AND CHAIN TAKES ON THESE PROPERTIES SIMULTANEOUSLY...
...REGARDLESS OF ITS DISTANCE FROM CREEL HIMSELF.
IT'S OUR HOPE THAT, WHILE KEEPING CREEL HOOKED UP TO A NEURAL SCRAMBLER...
...IF WE EXPOSE HIM TO COSMIC CUBE FRAGMENTS, WE CAN STUDY THE NATURE OF THIS POWER TRANSFERENCE--
FREEZE PLAYBACK.
THE BALL AND CHAIN. IT'S STILL SOMEWHERE IN THE COMPLEX...
...AND IT'S TAKEN ON THE PROPERTIES OF...

A COSMIC CUBE.
IT'S MINE!
OH, NO YOU DON'T!
HERC, I'M ON OSBORN! YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE TROOPS!
GODSPEED, PYM!
WAIT! HE'S IN CHARGE?! WHAT AM I, CHOPPED LIVER?
CHO, GET ME LAYOUTS OF PROJECT: PEGASUS. I NEED THE LOCATION OF THAT BALL AND CHAIN! STAT!
DOC, NOW'S NOT A GOOD TIME FOR A SIDE MISSION.
WE'VE GOT A GODLIKE ABSORBING MAN, SENTRY FIGHTING THE VOID--
AND I'VE GOT NORMAN OSBORN MOMENTS AWAY FROM GETTING A COSMIC CUBE!
PRIORITIES, CHO! PRIORITIES!

Amadeus? Your assistance, please. I am detecting anomalous software in--
IN A SEC, JOCASTA.
GO RIGHT, DOC! TWO CORRIDORS. HARD LEFT!
HURRY, SIR! MR. OSBORN IS STILL FAR AHEAD!
--in one of my host bodies.
Unit Twelve Thousand Thir--teen-teen-teen-tee-tee-tee--
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ELSEWHERE IN THE INFINITE MANSION, 12,013 MILES AWAY...
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011L0101I0101V01011E1001S010
BZZT BZZT
01U01L11T01R11O10N
10L00I01V01E10S
ULTRON LIVES!

STUPID FREAKIN' AVENGERS! ALWAYS IN MY @#$%!
YOU ALL NEED TO STEP OFF! GIVE A GUY A CHANCE TO THINK!
AHHH!
TZZ
ZAKK
WHAT HAS HE DONE? I'M--I'M THE SCORPION AGAIN?
HSSSS!
THE SYMBIOTE? HE SEPARATED ME FROM MY OTHER! NO!
MOONSTONE? SCORPION? NO WAY!
THE MASTERS OF EVIL? YOU'RE AVENGERS NOW? AND YOU DIDN'T CUT ME IN FOR A PIECE?!
FRANK? TALK TO ME.
WE LOST LIVE FEED, BUT WE'RE RECORDING!
SWEET.

HSSSS!
QUICKSILVER TO BASE! I REQUIRE ASSISTANCE! THIS VENOM-THING IS ATTACHING ITSELF TO ME!
SO UNLESS YOU WANT A SUPER-FAST, BRAIN-EATING MUTANT ON THE LOOSE--
011101-
Oh. Sorry, Pietro.
My systems were offline for a moment.
Let's see...
According to our files, symbiotes possess two weaknesses: fire and sonics.
GOOD.
SKREE!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
I CAN DO SONIC.
TCH. HOW THESE THINGS BOTHER SPIDER-MAN IS BEYOND ME.

NOT TO QUESTION YOUR STRATEGEM, HERCULES, BUT--
FRIEND VISION, WE FIGHT A CRYSTALLINE GIANT. IN YOUR DIAMOND-LIKE STATE, YOU MAKE THE PERFECT WEAPON.
HURLED WITH MY AWESOME STRENGTH AT THE CORRECT POINT, WE SHALL SHATTER THIS ROGUE INTO A MILLION PIECES.
VERY WELL. I'LL USE MY NAVIGATION SENSORS TO PERFECT YOUR AIM.
HA. DO THAT AND I SHALL NEVER FORGIVE YOU.
KE-RE-SHH
GRAHH!

COSMIC RADIATION--AFFECTING ME--ON MOLECULAR LEV--
ERRHH!
JONAS!
NICE TRY, ROBOT-BOY! BUT I CONTROL EVERY ATOM IN MY BODY. THAT DIDN'T EVEN SLOW ME DOWN.
YOU ON THE OTHER HAND? YOU'RE IN FOR A HARD DOSE OF *REALITY!*
NO! PLEASE BE OKAY. PLEASE BE OKAY. PLEASE--
HM. WHAT A FASCINATING TURN OF EVENTS.
OH MY GOD! THAT'S THE VISION! HE'S SPLIT INTO THE ORIGINAL VISION AND...
IRON LAD!
CASSIE!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG! I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN.
THIS--THIS ISN'T REAL. IT CAN'T BE...

CHO! WE ARE SECONDS AWAY FROM NORMAN OSBORN CONTROLLING REALITY!
GIVE ME SOMETHING! THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!
YOU'RE TOO LATE, PYM!
THIS IS MY MOMENT! MY TIME! MY DESTINY!
CHOOM
AND NOTHING IS STANDING IN MY WAY!
GOT IT, DOC! WE NEED TO THINK INSIDE THE BOX, UP AHEAD!
I SEE IT. THE AIR VENT! WHILE OSBORN'S SLOWING DOWN TO BREAK OPEN DOORS...
...I CAN TAKE THE DIRECT ROUTE!
YES! MADE IT!
JUST HAVE TO REACH OUT AND--
K-TANG
GNN!

I FINALLY GET TO DO IT. I GET TO WIN.
ONE TOUCH AND I GET TO HAVE EVERYTHING I EVER WANTED. EVERYTHING I DESERVE!
SUNHH
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
ONE TOUCH? YOU ALREADY DID IT. YOU GOT CONTROL OF THE CUBE TWO MINUTES AGO.
YOU ALREADY ALTERED REALITY.
WHAT?!
THINK ABOUT IT. A WORLD WHERE YOU'RE RUNNING THE SHOW?
SUPER HEROES ON THE RUN? SUPER VILLAINS TAKING ALL THEIR CUES FROM YOU? YOU WON. WE LOST.
DO YOU HONESTLY THINK ANY OF THAT COULD'VE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU GETTING YOUR HANDS ON A COSMIC CUBE?
BUT I--

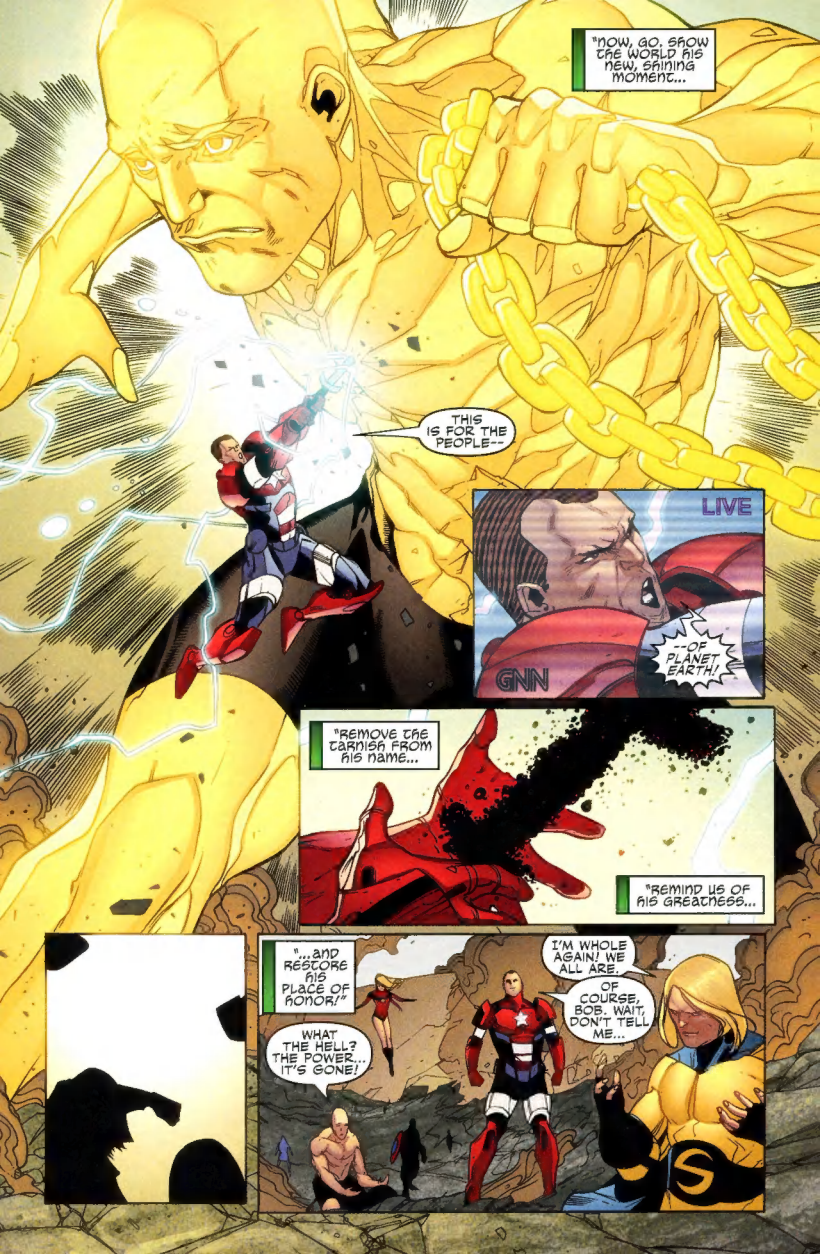
WHAKK
PSYCH!
NO!
SORRY, NORMAN. BUT I'VE GOT DESIGNS ON THIS BABY...
...Y'SEE, THERE'S A LITTLE SCIENCE EXPERIMENT I'D LIKE TO TRY.

THIS IS ALL JUST REALITY-WARPING STUFF. SOMETHING CREEL'S DOING WITH HIS PSEUDO-CUBEY POWERS.
YOU CAN'T BE IRON LAD!
HEY!
I FEEL REAL ENOUGH TO ME. AND I KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU, CASSIE.
BUT YOU'RE HELPING US. IF WE WIN, IF EVERYTHING GOES BACK TO NORMAL...
I GO AWAY AGAIN. I KNOW. BUT I HAVE TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.
THAT'S WHAT AVENGERS DO, RIGHT?
YEAH.
IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU, HERCULES. I TAKE IT THE ABSORBING MAN IS UP TO HIS USUAL TRICKS?
AYE, AVENGER! AND YOU ARE MOST WELL MET!
COME, OLD FRIEND. FIGHT AT MY SIDE ONCE MORE!
@#%*!
CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS BROMANCE BULL?!
THEY KEEP THIS UP, I'M GONNA HAVE TO KILL ONE OF 'EM. HELL, BOTH OF 'EM.
I HEAR THAT. THERE'S NO PLACE FOR THESE RELICS.
THEY NEED TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW BLOOD.
ACTUALLY YOU'D BETTER MAKE WAY...

...'CAUSE THE DOCTOR'S IN!
HOLY @#$%!
PYM? IS THAT MY--?
IT'S YOUR MEDICINE, CREEL! SAY "AH!"
UNFF!
GODLIKE POWER, MEET GODLIKE WEAPON!
OLDEST GAME IN THE BOOK...FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE!
IMPRESSIVE.
KEEP IT IN CHECK, MOONSTONE. LAST TIME HE TRIED A STUNT LIKE THIS, HE GOT HIS BUTT KICKED.
THIS AIN'T THE HANK PYM SHOW. WE GOTTA TAKE THIS GUY DOWN--AND FAST!
'CAUSE RESETTING REALITY'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN THINK OF..
...TO GET THOSE GENIES BACK IN THE BOTTLE!

ALL CRUMBLING BENEATH MY FEET...
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, OSBORN?! CRY ABOUT IT?! YOU PATHETIC WEAKLING!
SHUT UP!
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! A REPULSOR BEAM TO THE HEAD'S YOUR ONLY WAY OUT! COWARD!
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?! PRAY FOR A MIRACLE?!
WHY NOT? IS THERE NOT A GOD LOOKING OUT FOR YOU?
LOKI?
HERE, MY FRIEND. I HAVE FORESEEN THIS MOMENT AND BRING UNTO YOU...
...YOUR SALVATION.
WHAT IS THIS?
A SPELLBREAKER, NORMAN, STRONG ENOUGH...
"...TO UNDO ANY ASGARDIAN CHARM."
WHAT? THIS'S YOUR MASTER PLAN, PYM?! SMACK ME AROUND WITH MY OWN BALL AND CHAIN?
WHAT'S NEXT? YOU GONNA FIGHT POPEYE WITH A CAN A' SPINACH?

THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD. KEEP ROLLING, FRANK.
I THINK WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE THE FALL OF TWO TEAMS OF AVENGERS!
NO, YOU'RE NOT.
CLEAR YOUR MINDS OF SUCH THOUGHTS...
...CLEAR ALL ACCOUNTS OF THESE HEROES' MISFORTUNES...
...AND DRAW YOUR ATTENTION SKYWARD, DEAR MORTALS.
FOR THIS IS WHAT YOU WILL REMEMBER OF THIS DAY...
A CHAMPION...
AHHH!
"...FLYING OUT OF THE SUN! A KNIGHT CLOAKED BOTH IN GLORY AND IN DEEDS OF UNCOMMON VALOR!


"NOW, GO. SHOW THE WORLD HIS NEW, SHINING MOMENT...
THIS IS FOR THE PEOPLE--
LIVE
GNN
--OF PLANET EARTH!
"REMOVE THE TARNISH FROM HIS NAME...
"REMIND US OF HIS GREATNESS...
"...AND RESTORE HIS PLACE OF HONOR!"
WHAT THE HELL? THE POWER... IT'S GONE!
I'M WHOLE AGAIN! WE ALL ARE.
OF COURSE, BOB. WAIT, DON'T TELL ME...

...ANY OF YOU DOUBTED ME?
NEVER, SIR!
WALKER!
NO, HE'S RIGHT. THE THREAT'S OVER. THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.
RIIIGHT.
AS I SAID BEFORE, MY TEAM HAD THIS SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.
IT'S A SHAME THAT THIS UNSANCTIONED GROUP GOT IN OUR WAY AND HELPED PROLONG THIS CRISIS.
CURSE YOUR TREACHEROUS TONGUE, OSBORN! I HAVE HALF A MIND TO--
AT EASE, HERC.
WE ARE A GREAT NATION OF LAW AND ORDER. AND MY AVENGERS--
--THE AVENGERS... HONOR THEM AND ANSWER TO THEM ALONE. NOT THESE LAWLESS VIGILANTES.
NOW GENTLEMEN, WHILE I ADMIRE YOUR MISPLACED INTENTIONS, I MUST ASK YOU TO LEAVE. ALL OF YOU--SAVE FOR CAPTAIN WALKER.
ME, SIR?
YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES. BY COLLUDING WITH THESE FUGITIVES...
...I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STRIP YOU OF YOUR RANK...
...AND YOUR OFFICE AS THE USAGENT.
NO!
PYM! DO SOMETHING!
CHO, YOU COPY? STILL RECORDING OFF MY GOGGLES?
YEAH, WHY?
SECTOR TWELVE. ENLARGE, ENHANCE, AND SAVE. ALL RIGHT, PEOPLE, YOU HEARD THE MAN, WE'RE BUGGING OUT. FOLLOW ME TO THE CORRECT EXIT.
WHAT?!

OSBORN!
LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE AVENGERS!
IRON PATRIOT! OVER HERE!
NORMAN!
AND THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE.
CASSIE? ARE YOU GOING TO BE--?
IT'S OKAY, JONAS. JUST TAKE ME HOME.
HENRY, TELL ME YOU HAVE A PLAN.
WORKING ON IT.
GOOD! SO HOW DO WE GET WALKER BACK?
NO IDEA. I'M ONTO SOMETHING ELSE.
DAMN YOU, PYM. WE'RE ALL JUST PAWNS TO YOU, AREN'T WE?!
WE'RE ALL GAME PIECES, PIETRO.
THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO KNOW WHO THE PLAYERS ARE.
VISION? I NEED YOU WITH ME IN THE LAB.
TELL ME YOU GOT IT.
HE WAS THERE, SIR, IN THE CROWD.
YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT. IT'S LOKI!
RETINAL SCAN?
UNMISTAKABLE.
IT ALL COMES DOWN TO SCIENCE. THAT'S MY MAGIC.
AND LOKI, GOD OF MISCHIEF.. I GOTCHA!
100 % MATCH

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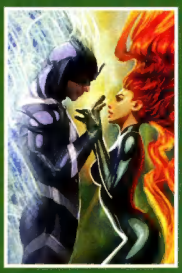

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